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SUBJECT: GOI APPOINTS INTELLIGENCE ADVISER: GENERAL REHAVAM
ZEEVI

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1. AT MAY 18 CABINET MEETING, RABIN ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT
OF RESERVE GENERAL REHAVAM ZEEVI, TO NEWLY CREATED POSITION AS
PRIMIN'S INTELLIGENCE ADVISER. ZEEVI, WILL ASSUME
NEW POSITION IN ADDITION TO CONTINUING TO SERVE AS
PRIMIN'S SPECIAL ADVISER ON COUNTER-TERRORIS..

2. CREATION OF INTELLIGENCE ADVISER POST REPRESENTS IMPLI-
MENTATION OF ONE OF KEY RECOMMENDATIONS OF AGRANAT COMMISSION
REPORT DEALING WITH SHORTCOMINGS PRECEDING AND IN FIRST PHASE
OF OCTOBER WAR. ZEEVIN PRESUMABLY NOW BECOMES PRIMIN'S
LIAISON WITH CHIEF OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, AS WELL AS
COORDINATOR OF INTELLIGENCE REPORTING FROM MFA AND OTHER
MINISTRIES.

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3. RABIN ALSO BRIEFED CABINET ON STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS OF AGRANAT COMMISSION: A) SPECIAL MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY JUSTICE MINISTER ZADOK WAS STILL WORKING ON PROBLEM OF CLEARER DELINEATION OF ROLES OF PRIMIN, DEFENSE MINISTER, CABINET AND CHIEF OF STAFF: B) CREATION OF MINISTERIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE-- DUE TO PARTY AND FACTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS, FORMATION OF THIS COMMITTEE WAS STILL PENDING MATTER (NOTE: GOI HAD ALREADY REACHED DECISION IN PRINCIPLE ON MINISTERIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE IN FEBRUARY (TEL AVIV 0762), C) APPOINTMENT OF "WAR CABINET" -- RABIN SAID DECISION ON THIS WOULD BE TAKEN ONLY IF AND WHEN OCCASION AROSE: D) STRENGTHENING OF MFA'S RESEARCH DEPARTMENT--NEW "CENTER FOR POLITICAL RESEARCH AND PLANNING" WAS ALREADY IN OPERATION: E) DISSEMINATION OF "RAW INTELLIGENCE DATA" HAD BEEN STREAMLINED: F) CHANGES IN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE CORPS STRUCTURE HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT AND G) WITHIN MOSSAD, NEW UNIT FOR ASSESSING INFO HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED.

4. HAARETZ MAY 19, IN SHARP EDITORIAL, CRITICIZES APPOINTMENT OF ZEEVI AS GRAVE MISTAKE, CHARGING THAT HE LACKS NECESSARY BACKGROUND FOR THIS HIGHLY SENSITIVE AND CRITICAL POSITION.

5. COMMENT: HOW NEW INTELLIGENCE ADVISER FUNCTION WILL WORK IN PRACTICE, REMAINS TO BE SEEN. POSITION WAS ESTABLISHED AS RESULT OF AGRANAT COMMISSION'S FINDING THAT IN 1973 PRIMIN HAD LACKED INDEPENDENT CONTROL ON REPORTS OF CHIEF OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE. COMMISSION CONCLUDED THAT BEST SOLUTION WOULD BE CREATION OF NEW POSITION. RABIN, HOWEVER, WAS REPORTEDLY RELUCTANT TO CREATE NEW POSITION WE BELIEVE THAT EFFECTIVENESS OF ZEEVI WILL DEPEND TO GREAT EXTENT ON HIS ABILITY TO ESTABLISH EFFECTIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH CMI SHLOMO GAZIT.
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